

The above figures of revenue and commission are inclusive of cargo and pax agents.

Restriction on concessional passengers on a flight

2559. SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) when was the order of restricting the total number of concessional passengers on a flight to 10 came into effect;

(b) whether Government have noticed that this rule has affected the senior citizens, particularly of Karnataka;

(c) if so, the reasons for introducing the above order;

(d) whether power is given to the Airlines staff at Airport to accommodate more senior citizens if the seats are vacant; and

(e) the number of such discretionary quota so far released on the request of Bangalore passengers?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV):

(a) to (e) In order to maximise revenues, numerical restrictions are periodically introduced by Air India for airline staff travelling on free/rebated tickets. Air India has never imposed any restriction on carriage of senior citizens as no concession specific to them is offered by it.

Indian Airlines' Reservation System provides Multi class concept, High Yield class (HY) and Low Yield class (LY). Passengers paying full fare are booked in HY class and concessional passengers are booked in LY class. If close to the departure, seats remain unsold in HY class, seats are offered to LY class passengers. The scheme was introduced on 1.7.1997. The scheme is applicable on all the flights in the system. In case of vacant seats, airline staff at airport accepts passengers as per their waitlist number. There is no discretionary quota as a general rule.

Revival of minor airports in Andhra Pradesh

2560. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are a number of air fields/minor airports of second world war which are lying unused in Andhra Pradesh;